

## STEADILY DRIVE ALLIES BACK

German Army Eight Hun-  
dred Thousand Strong,  
Pushing Ahead.

## FEARFUL SLAUGHTER

Second Line of Defense in French  
Territory Said to Be Holding Well  
Under Enormous Pressure.

Berlin, August 28.—Headquarters  
has issued an official report declar-  
ing that the western enemy has every-  
where been defeated and is in full re-  
treat after nine days' fighting.

Gen. Von Kluck defeated the English  
army at Maubeuge, renewed the at-  
tack and threatened to surround it.

It is reported here today that a  
portion of the British force is at pres-  
ent shut up in Maubeuge.

Generals Von Buelow and Von  
Hausen completely defeated the  
Franco-Belgian forces, about eight  
corps, between the Sambre and the  
Namur and the Moselle in several days'  
battle and are now pursuing them to  
the eastward of Maubeuge.

London and Paris unofficially report  
today that the last 48 hours the  
German army has steadily driven back  
the allies, and today is hurling 850,-  
000 men at the center of the allies' line.

Neither London nor Paris expresses  
belief that the allied lines will hold  
against the tremendous assault. There  
is an undercurrent of fear that the  
road to Paris will soon be cleared for  
the invaders. Conditions in the  
French capital are described as being  
near panic.

Berlin today asserts that the French  
Belgians and English are being driven  
back with fearful slaughter, and that  
the German army is penetrating the  
allied line at Arras.

Paris, August 28.—The second line  
of the allied defense, much of it well  
within French territory, is reported  
today to be holding well under enor-  
mous pressure from the Germans.

The government admits the Ger-  
mans outnumber the allies, and that  
the latter are compelled to give way  
at the points where the pressure is  
greatest. But the war office indignantly  
denies that the French posi-  
tions are being turned. It insists  
every retrograde movement has been  
provided for, and that "at the proper  
time" the allies will assume the of-  
fensive.

The British troops now hold the  
center. While the military chiefs re-  
fuse to confirm it, there is a general  
belief that this position now fronts  
areas on which the main German  
army is moving. There is no attempt  
to minimize the danger that the lines  
may not hold and the frank admis-  
sion that the British expeditionary  
forces have now united and been  
placed where they must beat back the  
floodtide of the invasion or be over-  
whelmed proves conclusively that the  
French general staff believes the  
Germans are staking everything on  
one mass assault, the preliminaries  
of which have already started.

Paris, August 28.—The following  
official bulletin was issued by the  
War Office last night:

"In the Vosges district our troops  
today resumed the offensive and  
drove back the Germans, who Wed-  
nesday had forced them to retire  
on the Saint Die side.

"The Germans Wednesday bom-  
barded Saint Die, which is an un-  
fortified town."

"In the region between the Vosges  
and Nancy, our offensive movement  
has continued uninterruptedly for  
five days. The German losses have  
been considerable. 2,500 bodies were  
found on a front of three kilometers,  
southeast of Nancy, and 4,500 bodies  
on a front of four kilometers, in the  
region of Vitrymont.

"Longwy, a very old fortress, the  
garrison of which consisted of only  
one battalion, which had been bom-  
barded August 3, capitulated yes-  
terday, after holding out for over  
24 days. More than half the gar-

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

A wireless dispatch in London  
from Berlin states that Emperor  
Franz Josef of Austria has sent the  
following congratulatory message to  
Emperor William: "Victory after  
victory; God is with you. He will  
be with us also. I most sincerely  
congratulate you, dear friend; also  
the proud heroes, your dear son, the  
Crown Prince and Prince Ruprecht,  
as well as the incomparable brave  
German army. Words fail to express  
what moves me, with me, my army,  
in these days of world history."

The Tokyo government officially  
denies that a Japanese fleet will be  
sent to the Adriatic Sea.

It is announced officially that the  
light cruiser Magdebourg ran ashore  
in a fog at the entrance to the Gulf of  
Finland. All efforts to refloat the  
vessel having failed, the captain de-  
cided to sacrifice her as a superior  
Russian naval force was preparing to  
attack her. Under a heavy fire from  
the Russian fleet the majority of the  
cruiser's crew was saved by the tor-  
pedo boat V 26. Seventeen of the  
men were killed, twenty-one wound-  
ed and eighty-five are missing, in-  
cluding the captain. The Magdebourg  
was blown up and the survivors have  
reached a German harbor.

The following printed notice has  
been found on a number of captured  
Germans: "Think of the blood that  
flowed in 1870 to crush our hereditary  
enemy France, who has now spurred  
on the Russian colossus to attack us.  
Give no quarter; kill all these bar-  
barians; these accursed scoundrels so  
that Europe may repose in peace." A  
Belgian refugee who has just arrived  
in Paris says the town of Chimay has  
been utterly destroyed and that Ger-  
man corpses are piled on the roads  
twelve feet high. Another refugee  
says Mons and Charleroi are now  
smoldering heaps of ruins and that  
bodies are piled in frightful heaps at  
the entrance to the towns.

Several Austrian army aviators,  
who had crossed the Galician frontier  
to reconnoiter the positions of the  
Russian troops, have been captured by  
women. The aviators landed near a  
village. A number of women sur-  
rounded the airmen. The latter drew  
their revolvers to defend themselves,  
but were overpowered.

Travelers arriving at Copenhagen  
from Berlin say the war has caused  
intense suffering among the people  
and that prices have risen 50 per cent.  
Manufactories have closed down. It  
is said that in official circles in Ber-  
lin there is a feeling of nervousness  
over the attitude of Italy. The Ger-  
mans are about ready to abandon the  
idea of getting any help from Italy  
and they will satisfied now if the  
Italian government will remain neu-  
tral without giving any help to Eng-  
land, France and Russia.

The cardinals who met yesterday in  
the seventh congregation preparatory  
to the conclave which will select a  
successor to Pope Pius, were per-  
turbed over a report that seven-  
teen prelates in Liege were being  
held by the Germans as hostages  
against acts of hostility on the part  
of the populace of the Belgian city.

Complete returns from the Fifth  
Congressional District of South  
Carolina make the re-election of  
Representative David E. Finley a cer-  
tainity. His majority over his op-  
ponent, W. F. Stevenson, was large.  
The early returns indicated the de-  
feat of Mr. Finley. United States  
Senator E. D. Smith's majority for re-  
nomination is 12,312. His plurality  
over Governor Cole L. Blease, his  
chief opponent, is 16,314.

prison was killed or wounded.

"On the Meuse our troops have re-  
pulsed with great vigor several Ger-  
man attacks. A German flag was  
taken."

"The Belgian field army attached  
to Namur and a French regiment  
which supported it have joined our  
lines."

"In the north the British have at-  
tacked forces greatly superior in  
number and were obliged, after bril-  
liant resistance, to withdraw a little  
in the rear on their right."

"Our armies maintained their po-  
sitions in Belgium. The army of  
Antwerp by its offensive has drawn  
off and held before it several German  
divisions."

## TWO BATTLES IN EAST PRUSSIA

First Real Test of Strength  
of Austrians and  
Prussians.

## RUSSIA AGGRESSIVE.

Prussian Outposts Withdrawn from  
Position Along Alle River—German  
Army Corps Isolated.

London, August 28, 3 P. M.—Rus-  
sian hordes are sweeping everything  
before them in their march through  
East Prussia. The swiftness of the  
advance has even surprised the Rus-  
sian commanders, according to dis-  
patches. Berlin is declared to be ex-  
ceedingly apprehensive lest the Rus-  
sians will attack the city before ad-  
vance can be sent back from the western  
campaign.

A dispatch to Reuter's Telegraph  
Company from Paris says:

"After the victory of the Russians  
the troops in East Prussia evacuated  
the district of Masurienland. (South-  
eastern East Prussia.)"

"The Russians sustained no check  
in this very difficult position, and  
yesterday they occupied its western  
outlets. It is confirmed that they have  
captured hundreds of guns from the  
enemy."

"In Galicia the Russian offensive is  
being continued normally, south and  
southwest of Franpol."

St. Petersburg, August 28.—The  
first real test of the strength of the  
German and Austrian defense is be-  
ing made today. Two general battles,  
one in Eastern Prussia and the other  
in Austrian Galicia, are being waged.

The Austrian battle has for its ob-  
jective Lemberg, capital of Galicia,  
General Wanauff, with a Russian army  
of more than 200,000 men, heavily  
supported by artillery, has attacked  
the fortified Austrian positions along  
the Sereth River, and in the Dniester  
River Valley.

Russian aeroplanes have already  
flown over Lemberg and report that  
heavy Austrian reinforcements are  
being sent to the scene. Another  
strong Russian force is moving to  
General Wanauff's assistance. This  
column is moving from the northeast  
and is said to comprise three army  
corps. It is the intention of the Rus-  
sians either to capture or isolate Lem-  
berg before any further advance is  
made.

In Eastern Prussia the Russians  
are now pressing Koefigsberg, the  
Prussian outposts having withdrawn  
from the position along the Alle  
River. The Twentieth German Army  
Corps, which suffered severely in the  
earlier fighting, is now isolated in  
the forts at Allenstein. The German  
forces are now massing on new po-  
sitions and are preparing for their  
first real stand.

## COLUMBIA FIRE COMPANY.

A meeting of the members of Co-  
lumbia Steam Fire Engine Co. was  
held last night in the engine house,  
on South St. Asaph street. Vice  
President John Leadbeater presided.  
A new committee on membership was  
appointed, who will recommend to the  
company a revised roll of members  
of the organization. Twenty-three  
members of the company are attend-  
ing the meeting of the State Fire-  
men's Association in Portsmouth, Va.

## NOTICE.

Owing to the typhoid  
condition in the city and  
our inability to meet by de-  
livery all the demands for  
MICO WATER, we will  
furnish it to all to whom  
we may be unable to deliv-  
er, or who may desire it,  
at our plant foot of Came-  
ron street, free of charge,  
until further notice.

## MUTUAL ICE COMPANY

Select hard-shell crabs tonight and  
tomorrow night at Jacob Brill's, foot  
of King street.—Adv.

## ADVOCATES BOYCOTT.

A prohibition speaker, import-  
ed from Ohio to tell the people  
of Virginia, how to manage its  
liquor traffic in a speech at the  
Opera House last night advo-  
cated the use of the boycott  
against those who oppose  
state-wide prohibition.  
He told women in the au-  
dience that they could aid the  
prohibition cause by refusing  
to trade with the proprietors  
of stores who were not in sym-  
pathy with their views on the  
liquor traffic.  
He made particular reference  
to the newspapers which car-  
ried liquor advertising and  
which espoused the anti-pro-  
hibition cause, declaring that  
readers and advertisers could  
force the newspapers to change  
their editorial policy by with-  
drawing their support.

While the Gazette was not  
mentioned and the speaker de-  
clared that he was not famil-  
iar with local conditions, it was  
clearly evident that the re-  
marks were intended to apply  
to Alexandria and to this  
newspaper. If such be the case,  
the Gazette gladly accepts the  
challenge as thrown down by  
the anti-saloon leader. We have  
advocated the cause of local op-  
tion because we are absolutely  
convinced that it is to the  
interests of Alexandria and  
that the passage of state wide  
prohibition would do this com-  
munity great harm. Our mo-  
tives have not been influenced  
by the advertising we have  
carried for the local option peo-  
ple nor by that of the local  
prohibition people, nor will any  
boycott or withdrawal of sup-  
port change our position one  
iota.

During its one hundred and  
forty years of honorable car-  
eer, the Gazette has had many  
times taken positions which  
have been at variance with  
the views of its readers and as  
a result of standing by its  
principles it advocated has  
faced boycotts and competi-  
tions from those who were  
strong enough to make them-  
selves felt and idle threats  
from those who were impotent.  
The Gazette has many  
friends among those who fa-  
vor prohibition, and we would  
regret to see them take a stand  
which would mark the parting  
of our ways, but if a continu-  
ance of their support and  
friendly relations means the  
abandonment on our part of  
principles which we believe are  
right and for the best inter-  
est of the community, we can-  
not reach the parting place too  
quickly.

## FOR SIEGE OF PARIS.

Preparations Are Being Made at  
French Capital to Withstand  
Attack.

Paris, August 28.—Paris, it was of-  
ficially announced yesterday, is pre-  
paring for a possible siege. The  
matter was discussed by the new Min-  
ister of War, Alexandre Millerand,  
with the subordinates of his depart-  
ment and steps were taken to de-  
termine the exact measures necessary  
to place the city in a state to with-  
stand an attack and invasion.  
M. Millerand will meet with the  
other officials of the War Office  
every morning for the consideration  
of developments and every possible  
phase in connection with an en-  
trenched camp such as the capital  
will become.

The government is taking precau-  
tions to send most of the wounded  
to Southern and Western France and  
few to Paris. Refugees from Bel-  
gium and Northern France are not  
permitted to remain here. This city  
is simply a way station towards  
Southern and Western towns. Ameri-  
cans and other foreigners in the cap-  
ital are beginning to understand that  
their presence in the city will not be  
desirable.

A bed in the residence of Millard  
Padgett, 815 Oronoco street, was  
found to be burning about eight  
o'clock last night, and an alarm of  
fire was sounded. The flames were  
speedily extinguished before any se-  
rious damage followed.

## NEGRO FIEND ATTACKS WOMAN

Suddenly Appears in Her  
Room in Danville Ho-  
tel at Night.

## HE IS SCARED AWAY.

Police Obtain Description of Assail-  
ant and Believe They Will Soon  
Have Him in Custody.

Danville, Va., August 28.—The lo-  
cal police force and the police of  
other cities on the Southern Rail-  
way were warned of, and given a  
description of a negro who early  
Wednesday evening is alleged to have  
attempted an assault on a young  
woman named Agnes Hawkins, for-  
merly of this city, but now of  
Lynchburg, who arrived here on  
Tuesday night and where at 6:30  
o'clock Wednesday evening the as-  
sault is said to have taken place.  
The negro, whose name is George  
Beard, had until an early hour yester-  
day morning evaded capture.

According to the woman and who  
is verging on hysterics, she went  
late Wednesday afternoon to a mov-  
ing picture house in the city, and  
after returning to the hotel, went  
to her room, where she partially  
disrobed. While reading she heard  
a voice apparently coming from the  
floor below commanding her to  
"pull down the shade in room 81,"  
her bedroom. Somewhat alarmed,  
the woman called for ice water and  
when the bell boy appeared she  
questioned him about it and ex-  
pressed her annoyance at the in-  
cident. At 6:30 o'clock there came a  
knock at her door, and before she  
had time to answer it, in walked a  
large negro with a moustache. He  
was of a light color and she judged  
him to be about twenty-five years  
of age.

As he entered the room he turned  
and locked the door behind him, then  
he deliberately walked to the dresser  
and began pouring ice water into the  
pitcher standing on it.  
The woman, who was genuinely  
alarmed, asked him what he wanted  
and at that he strode up to her and  
after making an insulting remark,  
grasped her by the arms. The wo-  
man's only weapon was her voice,  
and she told the negro that unless  
he let go of her immediately she  
would scream.

This apparently unnerved the black,  
who at once drew back, apologizing,  
and he slipped from the room. Miss  
Hawkins at once took the receiver  
from the hook of the telephone and  
intended calling the clerk, but she  
said she could get no answer. In  
great fear and afraid to venture  
outside of her room she remained  
alone for ten minutes when a friend  
called her over the telephone and  
she told him to meet her at a res-  
taurant, exclaiming that something  
terrible had happened. Within a  
few minutes she was relating her  
story to the man she met and  
later when she told two police offi-  
cers about it she became entirely  
unnerved and hysterical. She re-  
mained at the home of a friend Wed-  
nesday night.

The police immediately started to  
look for the negro, who is well  
known to the force, and whom they  
expect to capture. He has distinc-  
tive marks about him.

## Ocean View to Invite Firemen.

Norfolk, Va., August 28.—The  
Ocean View Fire Department has de-  
cided to invite Virginia State Fire-  
men's Association to hold its next  
annual convention at Ocean View.

## PROPOSALS FOR WORK.

Sealed proposals addressed to Mr.  
J. T. Harrison, Chairman Committee  
on Light, will be received at the of-  
fice of the Clerk of Gas until August  
29th, at 12 o'clock noon, for the erec-  
tion of two benches of six retorts each  
at the City Gas Works, the city to  
furnish all materials and the success-  
ful bidder to furnish all labor. Plans  
can be seen at this office.

J. B. WALLER,  
Clerk of Gas.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

The ladies' committee of the Loyal  
Order of Moose will hold a meeting  
tonight in the rooms of the Chamber  
of Commerce.

Funeral services for Miss Hulda F.  
Stephenson will be held tomorrow at  
3 o'clock from her late residence, 211  
South Lee street, and will be con-  
ducted by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter.

WHY A FORD—Because the Ford  
is the first and foremost standardized  
car on the market.

LIMOL powder cures prickly heat.

Mr. Abraham Dreifus, a former  
resident of Alexandria, but now en-  
gaged in business in Philadelphia, is  
visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eaton have re-  
turned from a ten-day trip to New  
York and are now the guests of Mr.  
Eaton's parents in Duke street.

Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett arrived  
this morning on the Norfolk boat  
from her bungalow at Cape Henry.

The members of the volunteer fire  
companies of Alexandria who have  
been attending the state convention  
held in Norfolk are expected to ar-  
rive home tomorrow morning on the  
Norfolk boat.

Thomas L. and J. Brooke Carter,  
both members of the firm of Carter  
Brothers, are confined to their homes with  
typhoid fever.

Paul Barrett, who is ill with ty-  
phoid fever at his home on Duke  
street, is considerably improved. His  
brother, Waller Barrett, who is at  
Cape Henry, Va., was taken ill with  
typhoid fever last week.

## SEVENTH AGAINST STATEWIDE.

Clerk of Albemarle Circuit Court Dis-  
cusses Situation in Important  
Session.

Richmond, August 28.—The senti-  
ment in Albemarle County and in  
Charlottesville City is anti-State-  
wide, and the Seventh Congressional  
District will go against Statewide  
prohibition by a narrow margin, is  
the opinion expressed here today by  
W. L. Maupin, clerk of the Albemarle  
County Circuit Court, who is attend-  
ing the convention of the Court  
Clerks' Association. Mr. Maupin is in  
a position to know more about the  
status of his county and city than any  
other man and his judgment counts in  
the district as a whole has been the  
belief for years. The Seventh District  
embraces the large Valley counties.

## SPOKE ON PROHIBITION.

Rev. Dr. P. A. Baker Appeared at  
Opera House Last Night.

Rev. Dr. P. A. Baker, national  
superintendent of the Anti-Saloon  
League of America, delivered an ad-  
dress at the Opera House last night  
on Statewide prohibition. He was in-  
troduced by the Rev. D. H. Kern, pre-  
siding elder Alexandria District of  
the Methodist Church South. It was  
announced that the Rev. Sam Small,  
formerly of Atlanta, Ga., will speak  
in this city next week on the pro-  
hibition question.

## DESOLATION IN BELGIUM.

Only 19 Houses Out of 500 Remain  
Standing in Herve.

Berlin, via Copenhagen, August 28.—  
The Tageblatt's correspondent  
writes that Namur was bombarded  
with howitzers of 31 centimeters, by  
mortars and by one 42-centimeter  
howitzer. He says he could plainly  
hear the shells striking the forts and  
that everyone was astonished at the  
precision of the German guns.

The Tageblatt's correspondent de-  
scribes the desolation that reigns in  
the villages and small towns be-  
tween Liege and Namur. At the town  
of Herve only 19 houses remain stand-  
ing out of 500. These remaining  
carry placards expressing sympathy  
with the German soldiers and ask-  
ing that they not be fired upon.

The success of the German arms  
in Belgium, says the Tageblatt, is at-  
tributed by military experts to the  
swiftness with which the German op-  
erations were carried through and  
also the delay of assistance promised  
by the French, who arrived too late  
both at Liege and Namur.

## PRICES CLIMBING DESPITE PROBE

300,000,000 Bushels of Sor-  
plus Wheat Said to be  
Stored Away.

## BLAME THE FARMERS.

Holding Crops for Rise in Prices,  
Which Continuation of European  
War Is Sure to Bring.

Philadelphia, August 28.—Food  
prices showed a tendency to advance  
yesterday, despite Federal and State  
investigations which are being con-  
ducted to determine whether dealers  
have conspired to take advantage of  
the war to boost prices. Sugar, wheat  
and flour went up. Wheat soared to  
\$1.25 a bushel on the Chicago Ex-  
change before noon yesterday, and  
immediately after the rise in price  
was announced one of the biggest  
mills in this section advanced the price  
of flour to \$7 a barrel.

The blame for the increase in grain  
prices is placed by dealers on the  
shoulders of the farmers. On the ad-  
vice of persons who are posted on  
the foreign situation it is said the  
farmers are storing their wheat, pre-  
ferring to borrow money on it rather  
than to sell outright. Brokers con-  
versant with the grain market assert  
that 300,000,000 more bushels of  
wheat than are needed for the home  
supply are now stored in elevators  
awaiting further advances, which a  
continuation of the European war is  
almost sure to bring. The late wheat  
crop this year was immense, and, in  
the opinion of local brokers, practi-  
cally the entire crop, instead of being  
marketed at home or abroad, was held  
for the anticipated rise in prices.

If any sudden development which  
should bring about peace in Europe  
should occur the financial losses of  
farmers and speculators who are hold-  
ing the wheat would be enormous. A  
continuation of present conditions  
would tend to bring about just the  
reverse resulting in enormous profits  
for those who are holding wheat.  
Judging from the present outlook,  
brokers say that the only thing that  
would bring about cheaper grain  
prices in the United States would be  
a Government embargo on grain ex-  
ports.

Fine table grades of sugar retailed  
yesterday at 7 1/2 and 8 cents a  
pound. The foreign markets are said  
to be offering unusually high prices  
for sugar and American dealers are  
preparing to take advantage of the  
opportunity. At the present time there  
is said to be more raw and refined  
sugar in this country than there has  
been in the last five years. In the  
past sugar exports have been small,  
the bulk of the sugar consumed here  
being imported.

## NORWEGIAN SUNK.

Hits Floating Mi-  
Eight I-  
London, Augus-  
grian steamer C-  
blown up in the I-  
ing mine. Eight-  
lost their lives.

The captain of the trawler and  
three others were picked up from  
floating wreckage and brought into  
Shields by the fishing boat Norden.  
Officers of the latter say they were  
alarmed all through the night by dis-  
tant explosions, which followed each  
other at intervals from 9 P. M. to 4  
A. M. At about 6 o'clock in the morn-  
ing the lookout on the Norden sighted  
and picked up a man floating on a  
plank. He declared that the Gottfried  
had been blown up three hours earlier  
and had gone down immediately with  
eight members of her crew. The dead  
men had been literally blown to pieces.  
Later the captain of the Gottfried was  
found floating in a life belt, and two  
others of her complement were res-  
cued from floating wreckage.

Frederick M. Davenport, of Clinton,  
N. Y., was named for governor on an  
unofficial ticket selected yesterday by  
the Progressive State conference.  
Bainbridge Colby, of New York, was  
selected similarly for United States  
Senator.